

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 01-29-03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-34.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

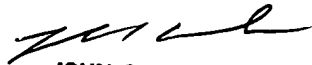
7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. <u>7</u> | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The instant invention is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement over Kanevsky et al. (US 6,285,777), Smith et al. (US 2002/0095306 A1 or US 2002/0042808 A1), King et al. (US 2002/0002590 A1), and Kara et al. (WO 99/21330) in view of EP1063602.

Kanevsky et al. discloses a method that enables a recipient to inform a carrier to deliver a mail in a plurality of manners, comprising the steps of:

depositing with the carrier mail (12) containing the recipient's name and physical address and a sender's name and address (see Figs.);

capturing the name and address of the recipient and the sender (see Figs.);

translating the name and address of the recipient into an e-mail address;

notifying the recipient of the availability of the mail;

notifying the carrier to deliver the mail to the recipient in the manner specified by the recipient; and

wherein the recipient notifies the carrier to deliver the mail to a specified name and address.

Smith et al. discloses a method that enables a recipient to inform a carrier to deliver a mail in a plurality of manners, comprising the steps of:

depositing with the carrier mail containing the recipient's name and physical address and a sender's name and address (see Figs.);

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capturing the name and address of the recipient and the sender (see Figs.);
translating the name and address of the recipient into an e-mail address;
notifying the recipient of the availability of the mail (see generally the specifications);
notifying the carrier to deliver the mail to the recipient in the manner specified by the recipient; and
wherein the recipient notifies the carrier to deliver the mail to a specified name and address.

King et al. discloses a method that enables a recipient to inform a carrier to deliver a mail in a plurality of manners, comprising the steps of:

depositing with the carrier mail containing the recipient's name and physical address and a sender's name and address (see Figs.);
capturing the name and address of the recipient and the sender (see Figs.);
translating the name and address of the recipient into an e-mail address;
notifying the recipient of the availability of the mail;
notifying the carrier to deliver the mail to the recipient in the manner specified by the recipient; and
wherein the recipient notifies the carrier to deliver the mail to a specified name and address.

Kara et al. discloses a method that enables a recipient to inform a carrier to deliver a mail in a plurality of manners, comprising the steps of:

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depositing with the carrier mail (130) containing the recipient's name and physical address and a sender's name and address;

notifying the recipient of the availability of the mail (see Figs.);

notifying the carrier to deliver the mail to the recipient in the manner specified by the recipient; and

wherein the recipient notifies the carrier to deliver the mail to a specified name and address.

However, Kara et al. does not expressively disclose the method including:

capturing the name and address of the recipient and the sender; and

translating the name and address of the recipient into an e-mail address.

EP' 602 teaches, for a system and method for automatic notification of delivery of a mail, that the system and method includes:

database containing e-mail address of recipients in the mailing list;

automatically capturing the name and address of the recipient and the sender;

and

translating the name and address of the recipient into an e-mail address (by recognizing the recipient's e-mail address) (see Figs. 2 and 5).

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Neither Kanevsky et al. (US 6,285,777), Smith et al. (US 2002/0095306 A1 or US 2002/0042808 A1), King et al. (US 2002/0002590 A1), Kara et al. (WO 99/21330) nor EP1063602, taken separately or together, discloses or anticipates the steps of:

notifying by the recipient to the data center of the manner in which the recipient wants some or all of their mail delivered; and

delivering mail by the carrier to the recipient in the manner specified by the recipient to the carrier.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

"Couriers deliver new 'net services" is cited to show a package tracking services including an online packaging tracking, "pre-alter" on the web for COD packages, and notification means to notify customers via e-mail regarding how much an incoming package will cost at delivery and when it will arrive.

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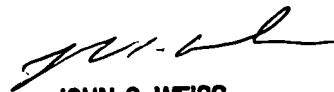
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Woo whose telephone number is 703-308-7830. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM -5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 703-308-2702. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and 703-308-3691 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0861.



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